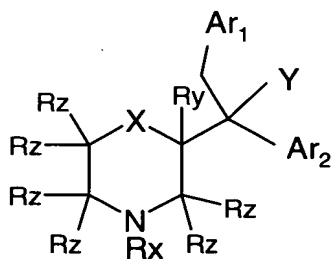


ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I)



(I)

wherein R_x is H; R_y is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; each R_z is independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; X represents O; Y represents OH or OR; R is C₁-C₄ alkyl; and Ar₁ and Ar₂ are optionally substituted phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl rings are selective inhibitors of the reuptake of norepinephrine.